

In the specification:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, lines 19-23 are amended to read (as marked):

“In accordance with the invention, there is provided a high-strength, impact resistant, elastic, fibre composite laminate including at least two outer layers, two inner fibre plies between the said outer layers and at least one dissipating element between the inner plies, wherein said at least one dissipating element dissipates and redirects a load applied to the laminate to tensile loading of at least one of said inner plies directed along its longitudinal axis.”

Page 3, lines 9-16 are amended to read (as marked):

“The ~~outer~~ inner plies (2) are constructed from a variety of dry or pre-impregnated (prepregs) reinforcement materials such as but not limited to: Glass, Aramid, Carbon, Quartz, Boron, Basalt, Polyurethane, natural, non-natural, and any other single or hybrid fibres, in combination with variety of any known thermosetting and thermoplastic matrixes (3) such, but not limited to : Vinylester, Epoxy, Phenolic, polypropylene, Nylon, Polyester, Amino, Bismaleimides, Polyether, Silicones, Cyanetesters, Polybutadhine, Polytheramide, Polyimides, fire retardant, corrosion resistant, any sort of adhesives, coatings, pigments, sealants, catalysts, accelerators, diluents, etc.”

The amendments are to read as follows:

Page 2, line 3 to be amended to read (as marked):

~~Preferably,~~ The laminate includes a pair of outer layers and a polymer matrix between each of the plies and the outer layers.

Page 2, lines 22 - 25 to be amended to read (as marked):

A laminate structure formed in accordance with the invention represents a new approach in damage tolerant material design philosophy with ~~optional~~ first and second outer face layer for forming an outer face (4), at least two inner plies (2), a dissipating element (1) and ~~usually (dominantly)~~ polymer matrix (3).

Page 3, lines 17 – 18 to be amended to read, (as marked):

The ~~optional~~ outer face layers (4) may be made from a variety of any metallic, non-metallic natural or non-natural materials.

Page 6, lines 18 -24 to read:

~~Optional~~ Outer face layers (4), whether for protective or decorative purpose, may be one of the metallic, non-metallic, natural and non-natural materials including, but not limited to: aluminium alloys, steel alloys, zinc alloys, titanium alloys, copper alloys, magnesium alloys, nickel alloys, brass alloys, carpenter, gold, silver, platinum, hastelloy, hayness alloy, inconel, molibden alloy, palladium, bronze, tantalum, monel, tungsten, boron, beryllium, zintec, matrix composites, thermoplastics, thermosets, plastics, foams, wood, rubber, paper, ceramics, leather, balsa, cedar.

No other changes are being made to the *Specification*.